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SUBJECT:	California Department Of Corrections, Sierra Conservation Center, Tuolumne County - Consideration of NPDES Permit
DISCUSSION:	<p>This item was previously considered by the Board at its June 2000 Board meeting. Public testimony presented at the Board hearing objected to the proposed transfer of the wastewater to the Tuolumne River watershed from the Stanislaus River watershed where the wastewater originates. The Board instructed staff to reevaluate wastewater discharge alternatives and bring the item back to the Board for further review. The enclosed staff report provides additional details of evaluated of disposal alternatives.</p> <p>The California Department of Corrections owns and operates a wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system, and provides sewerage service to the Sierra Conservation Center, a State operated correctional facility near Jamestown. The facility houses about 4,000 inmates.</p> <p>The Discharger applied for an interim NPDES Permit to seasonally discharge tertiary treated wastewater to Woods Creek during very heavy rainfall years and when the wastewater ponds exceed their wintertime capacity. Discharge of tertiary treated wastewater to surface water will only occur during extremely wet winters and when flows in Woods Creek have a minimum dilution ratio to wastewater of 10:1. This interim permit is a limited short-term solution only to be used for the next 3 to 4 winters while the long-term land disposal project is developed and constructed. The facility's wastewater treatment plant has recently been upgraded to produce tertiary (Title 22, Reclamation Criteria) treated wastewater. The facility currently reclaims its wastewater to land irrigation regulated by WDR # 99-105.</p>
RECOMMENDATION:	Adopt the proposed NPDES Permit

Mgmt. Review _____

Legal Review _____